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**Gov. Beshear announces Transportation Enhancement funding  
for Kentucky Historical Society**

*Funds will be used for historical highway marker repair*

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Steve Beshear today announced that \$64,000 in Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding will be made available to the Kentucky Historical Society for the repair or replacement of damaged historical markers.

“Historical markers serve a valuable purpose,” said Gov. Beshear. “They help make travel in Kentucky an educational experience. If we allow damaged and worn markers to remain in that condition we are giving travelers the wrong impression. It should be clear that we actually do care about our heritage, and it is our responsibility to see to it that Kentucky’s rich and diverse story is not presented in a worn and indifferent manner.”

The historical marker program was established in 1949 and is managed by the Kentucky Historical Society. Markers commemorate significant places, events and personalities in Kentucky history. There are more than 1900 historical markers throughout the commonwealth.

The need for repairs to worn and damaged markers has exceeded the Historical Society’s financial resources for restoration.

“Historical markers enhance the travel experience by linking travel to Kentucky history,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Prather. “We are fortunate to have the TE funds available for this project, which will ensure that the connection is preserved between the highways we travel and the historical events that have occurred along them.”

“We are very pleased with Governor Beshear's announcement regarding federal Transportation Enhancement funding for our Kentucky Historical Highway Marker Program,” said Nelson Dawson, director of research and interpretation for the Kentucky Historical Society.

“This funding will enable the Kentucky Historical Society, in partnership with the Kentucky

Transportation Cabinet, to maintain these markers, our on-the-spot state and local history lessons, in good condition for both Kentuckians and out-of-state visitors.”

Kentucky TE funding is administered by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. More information is available at <http://www.tea21.ky.gov>.

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